



California Notice 2022-01

TO: Pesticide Registrants and Other Stakeholders

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA PESTICIDE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION TRACKING
(CalPEST) SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is very pleased to announce we have awarded a contract to a systems integration vendor to develop our California Pesticide Electronic Submission Tracking (CalPEST) system. In coordination with the California Department of Technology, DPR conducted a competitive procurement, known as “Challenge-Based Procurement.” After a successful evaluation process, DPR awarded the contract to MERP Systems, Inc. of Herndon, Virginia on January 7, 2022. The CalPEST system, once developed, will take the place of the current paper-based pesticide registration process and allow for new products, amendments to currently registered products, and renewals to be submitted, processed, and accepted electronically. Preparatory system development efforts have begun, with the partial implementation expected at the end of 2022 and full system implementation expected in fall 2024.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The CalPEST system goal is to implement an integrated system enabling an effective and efficient administration of DPR’s pesticide product registration program. The CalPEST system will automate the product registration program to streamline processes; provide workflow management; integrate data; and provide online functionality. The CalPEST system will allow for online electronic submission, payment, tracking, review, and approval or denial of registration applications, submission of supporting documentation, and renewal of currently registered pesticide products.

PROJECT STRATEGY

The CalPEST system will be developed and managed using Agile project management, an iterative development methodology. Agile work is developed in parts (called sprints), which are planned, built, and deployed for use throughout the development process. Using the Agile methodology, DPR will be able to deploy system functionality incrementally as it is developed. Where appropriate and feasible, new features will be shared with pertinent stakeholders for feedback prior to deployment.

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If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact Ms. Shelley Lopez at <Shelley.Lopez@cdpr.ca.gov> or by telephone at 916-324-3938.

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